



CANNON BUILDING
861 SILVER LAKE BLVD.,
SUITE 203
DOVER, DELAWARE 19904-
2467

STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TELEPHONE: (302) 744-4500
FAX: (302) 739-2712

WEBSITE:
WWW.DPR.DELAWARE.GOV

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES
(Approved September 18, 2017)

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on July 26, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Mary Diamond, DO; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C; Richard Henderson, MD; Leena Paul, MD;

ABSENT: Manisha Wadhwa, MD; Ronald Castaldo, PhD, CRNA; Sandy Elliott, CNM

GUESTS: No Public Present

PRESIDING: Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

STAFF: David Mangler, RN, MS Director - Division of Professional Regulation;
Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

1.0 Call to Order: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Dr. Paul to approve the minutes with one correction. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Unfinished Business

3.1. Potential Rules and Regulations Changes for APRNs

3.1.1 Supervised Practice Plans

The committee discussed refresher courses or supervised practice plans related to absence from practice. The committee will review what active practice regulations are currently in place regarding registered nurses at the next meeting as well as what components are required for maintenance of national

certification. Items to consider include practice requirements of 4,000 hours in the same population and consideration of APRN as possible preceptors.

3.1.2 New or Renewal Applications / Practice Hours

The committee discussed the statutory authority for requiring 600 hours of active practice and acknowledged that this is more than what is required for graduation.

3.1.3 Definition of Practice

The committee discussed what constitutes APRN practice. National organizations have a broad application of the term and committee members agreed the term should be broad as to narrowly define it would potentially impact the pool of educators. There was discussion regarding whether the APRN could satisfy a practice requirement for license renewal based on an administrative role and it was recommended the committee focus on the type of practice they would find appropriate in a 2 year/4,000 hour period.

3.2. Senate Bill 63 w/SA1

Mr. Mangler provided an update of SB63 w/SA1 as signed by the Governor on July 17, 2017.

3.3 Applications for Independent Practice

3.3.1 Jean Binkley, Family NP

The committee reviewed Ms. Binkley's updated application as they previously requested at the May 17, 2017 meeting. Dr. Henderson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Paul, to approve Ms. Binkley's application for independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Applications were reviewed for independent practice as advanced practice registered nurses for:

Florence Akouegnon, APRN, NP - Adult/Gerontological

The committee noted that the total hours were missing. Ms. Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Dr. Henderson, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of Ms. Akouegnon's hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Angelique Boyce, APRN, FNP

Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Henderson, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Ciranni, APRN, NP – Women's Health/Gender Related

Dr. Henderson moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Caren Coffy-McCormick, CNS – Psych/Mental Health

Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Rosemary Anne Herrmann, APRN, FNP

Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Henderson, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Claire Chianese, NP – Psych/Mental Health

Dr. Henderson moved, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Debra Lamoureux, APRN, FNP

Dr. Diamond moved, seconded by Dr. Henderson, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Frederick Peterson, CRNA

Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Henderson, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Suzanne Ranshousen, APRN, NP – Gerontological

Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

David Gaines, APRN, FNP

Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Henderson, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Guilford Hurst, CNS – Psych/Mental Health

Dr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Rogers, APRN, FNP

Dr. Diamond moved, seconded by Dr. Henderson, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Discussion of Acute vs Non-Acute Care

The committee agreed that legally they did not believe anything was necessary as APRN's are already required to practice within their competency.

5.0 Other Business (for discussion)

Mr. Mangler advised the committee that a notice letter was being drafted to advise licensee's when their applications for independent practice have been approved.

The Verification of Experience/Supervision form will be modified to add "collaborator" before Business/Practice Name.


6.0. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0. Next Meeting Date – August 21, 2017

8.0. Adjournment – 7: 30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



David C. Mangler, RN, MS
Director
Division of Professional Regulation

DRAFT